

# **Metropolis:**

# **Yearbook #2**

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Front and back cover: a previously undepicted scene from  
Chapter 14 - The Running of the Chickenbunnies!

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## **The Metropolis Yearbook #2**

As promised here is the Metropolis Yearbook #2 and well before the deadline of the summer of 2013.

Well. That's about it, isn't it? In actuality the updated introduction to Yearbook #1 was written only 1 month ago. Not too much new has happened since then.

I do have a special feature for you though. Check out the conclusion on page 14 to read all about it.

I'm also working on a .CBR file of the first 25 chapters. A .CBR (or .CBZ) is a comic book reader file. Some (if not most) ereaders will open a .CBR. It will be called Metropolis Volume 1 and it will come with a new custom cover. The pages and panels will be specially formatted for a .CBR presentation and easier panel viewing. I can't wait to put it together. I hope you like it. It will be ready before the end of summer of 2013.

In the meantime enjoy Yearbook #2.

PS: I would like to thank my wife Suzanne for all her continued support. She also proofs my comics and I find her input invaluable. I love you, Sue. I would also like to thank my son Max for being so utterly awesome all the time. I love you, Max.

João G. D. Canhoto  
May 20th, 2013

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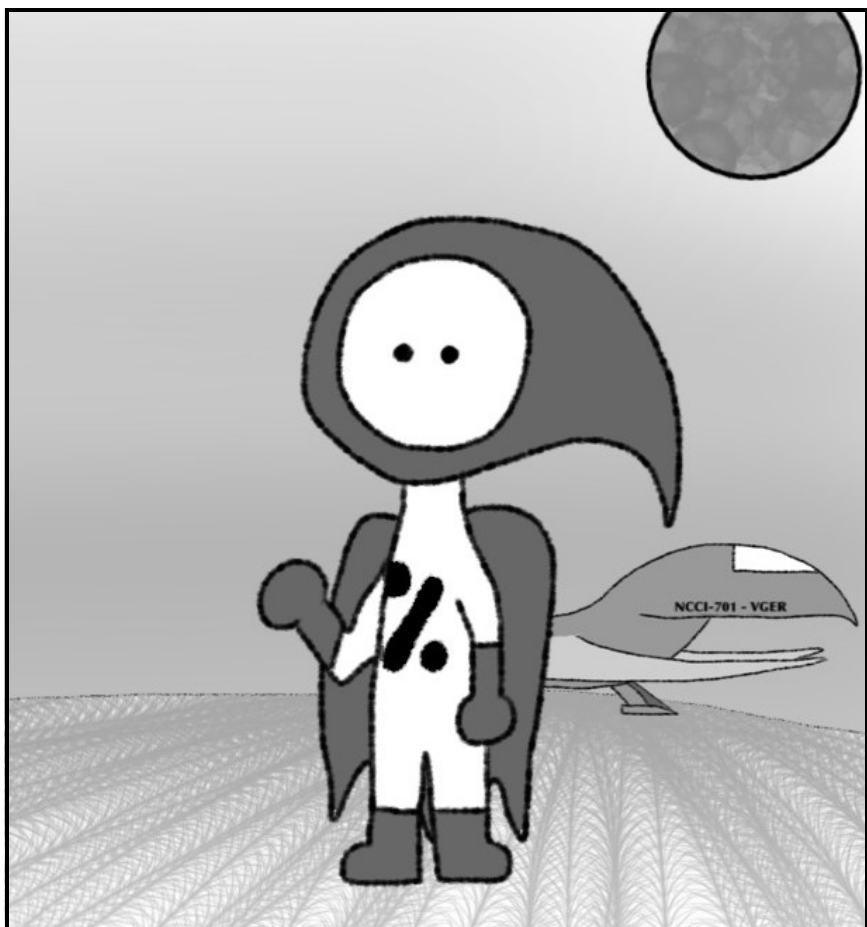
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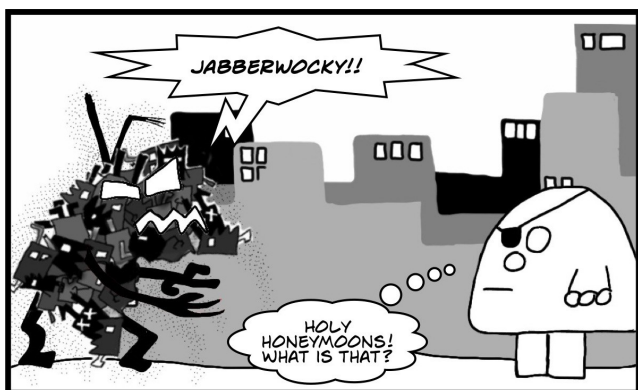
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Chapters 13 to 24

## Chapter 13

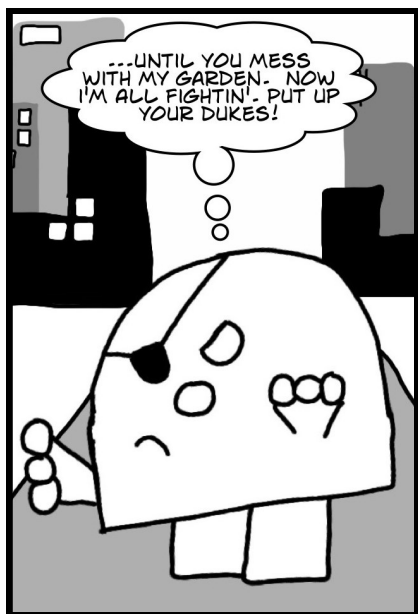
We begin these next dozen chapters with Cobweb and Mustardseed running in terror for their lives from the recently created Jabberwocky. Created by whom or what, you ask? Now don't get ahead of me!

The pair runs to Mog for protection. However, we learn that Mog, as well as being an expert gardener, is a stalwart pacifist.



Metropolis is a massive tower city with very little room to grow crops let alone grant space to something like planter boxes. Mog prides himself on his "green thumb" (Is one of those three big, round digits a thumb?) and takes his planter box duties very seriously.

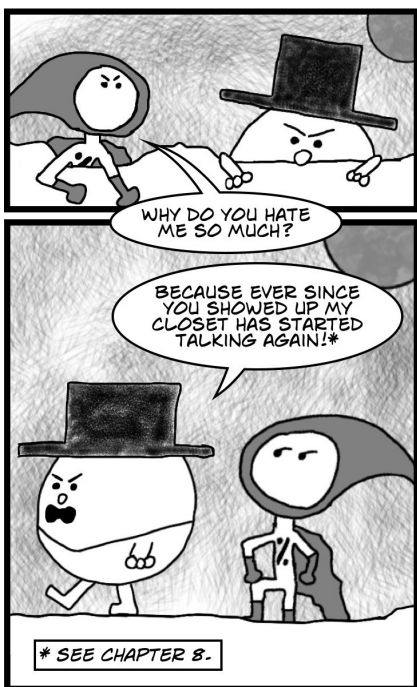
Jabberwocky makes the mistake of destroying the planters and consequentially raising Mog's ire.



## Chapter 14

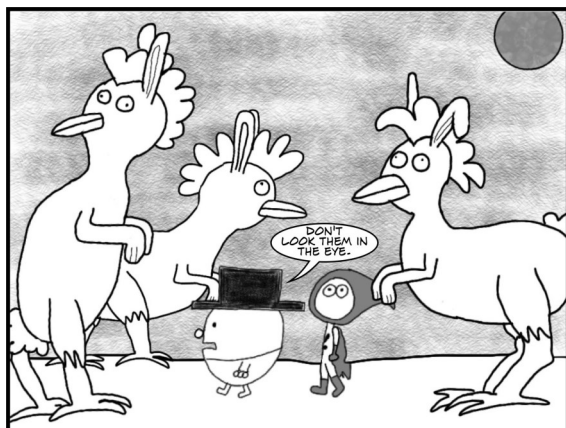
The scene changes to the new locale of Mount Pointy. Eg and Josephat are climbing to reach the water filtration plant run by the robot called Dr. Zeus.

If you recall, the giant tree city of Arboropolis has massive farms that provide the planet most of its food. The crops have been failing and the cause seems to be a tainted water supply. Eg and Josephat, being the best robotic engineers on the planet, have been sent to remedy the situation.



During the trek, Josephat confronts Eg on his hostility. Eg unadvisedly admits to hearing voices in his closet. Why would anyone do such a thing? Perhaps all his hostility is just a mask to hide his insecurity.

Josephat also discovers some of the dangerous creatures of the planet; the deceptively aggressive chickenbunnies!



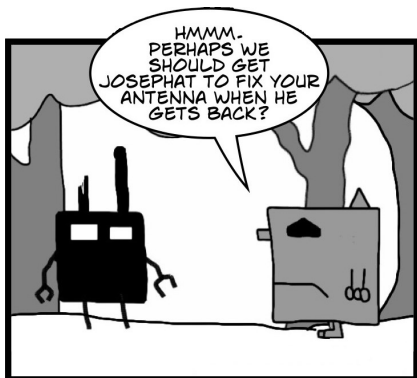
## Chapter 15

There's a lot going on. It's time for a recap and 42 is ready to oblige.

The slightly damaged little robot gives a report to Rig, Ge, Tepper and Super Yok. 42 imparts that Eg and Josephat have been momentarily waylaid by chickenbunnies on their way to Dr. Zeus. And Mog, Cobweb and Mustardseed are in a heated battle with Jabberwocky. Super Yok springs into action and flies off to Metropolis.



Ge, being the supportive and encouraging person he is, compliments 42 on the report and asks how he was able to learn so much. 42 declares that a ghost has given him all his information. This is alarming to everyone and Rig on the cause of the odd statement.



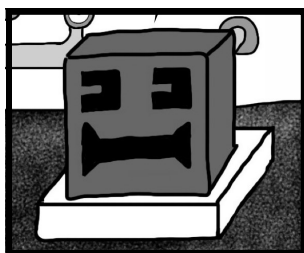
Is 42 malfunctioning or is he really seeing dead people?



## Chapter 16

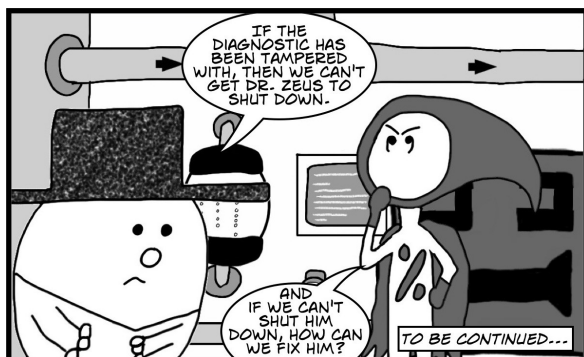
As it turns out, the natural enemy of a chickenbunny is a tiny creature called a wubble. Kind of like how elephants are afraid of mice. Or am I confusing Warner Bros. cartoons with reality again?

At any rate, it's a good thing a wubble shows up to save Josephat and Eg. Josephat is instantly smitten with the little creature. I bet that if we could peer into his dark hood, we'd see a big smile.

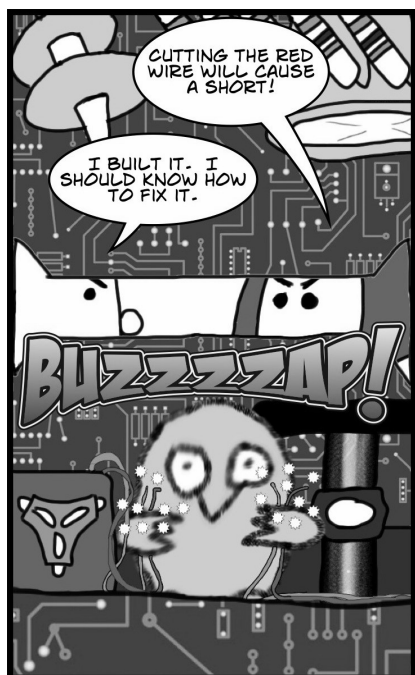


Enter Dr. Zeus... Well, I guess Dr. Zeus can't enter anywhere because it has no legs. It's just a giant, square robot brain that controls the water filtration plant. So, I guess I should say that Josephat and Eg enter.

The two robotics engineers make a horrifying discovery: Dr. Zeus has been sabotaged!



## Chapter 17

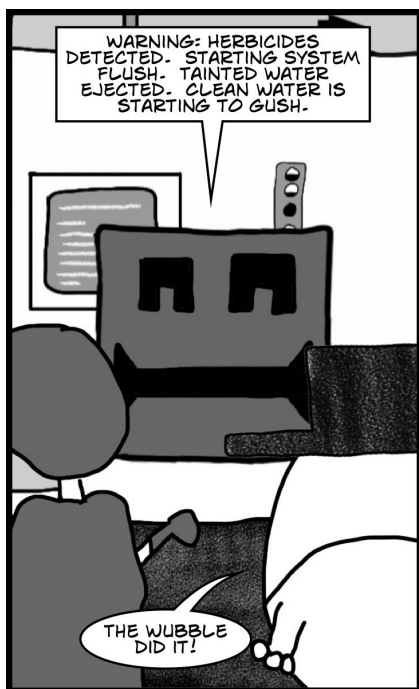


Even though Eg and Josephat are both expert robotic engineers they can't agree on how exactly to fix Dr. Zeus. Fortunately, the little wubble takes matters into his own hands by going inside Dr. Zeus and prompting a restart. Dr. Zeus is fixed!

Let this serve as a lesson to everyone. If your computer starts doing things like slowing down, freezing or poisoning your water supply, your first step should always be a restart!

We also learn that the robots on the planet, unlike Josephat's robots, speak in rhyme.

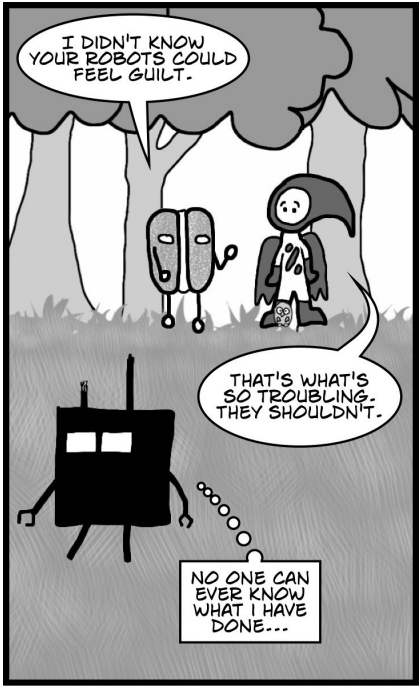
That's kind of cool.



Chapter 18

Some time has passed. Eg has left for Metropolis while Josephat has remained in Arboropolis to give 42 a tune-up. Ge brings word that the mayor of Metropolis wants to give Josephat and Eg medals for solving the tainted water problem.

During the tune-up, 42 tells Josephat that he does not wish to have his antenna repaired. Josephat questions him about the ghost he's been seeing.



Is 42 being evasive?

As it was 42 that diagnosed the tainted water problem, Josephat lets the little robot decide his own fate. He is concerned but 42's malfunction, if there is one, can't be that bad. Can it?

And what's this!?! Something evil is afoot in Eg's closet. It's those voices again! Where could they be coming from?



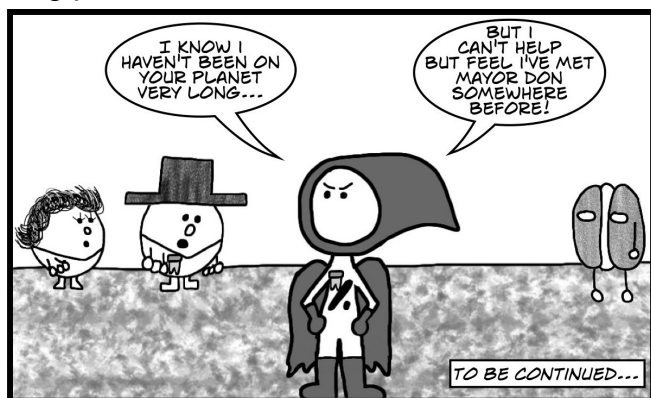
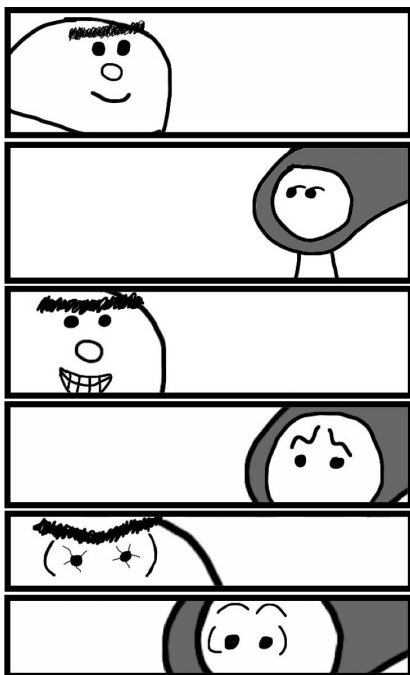
## Chapter 19

Eg, Ge, Tepper and Josephat reunite high atop Metropolis. They are waiting to see the mayor. The view must be magnificent and Josephat ponders on the radio silence from his mothership. You'd be worried too if you were on a strange planet with no contact from your mothership!

All four enter the mayor's office, but not before Josephat is given an obscure warning not to stare at the mayor's feet.

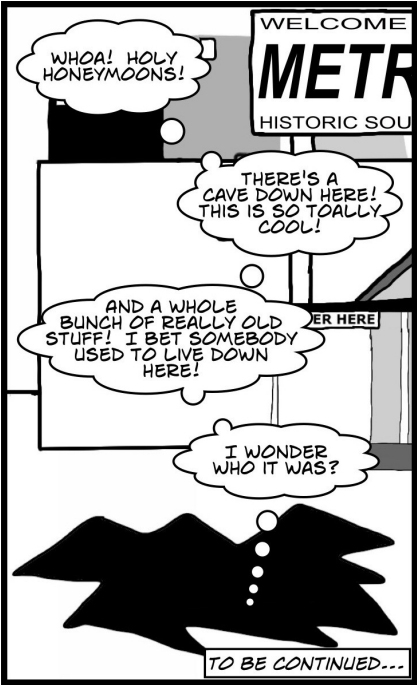
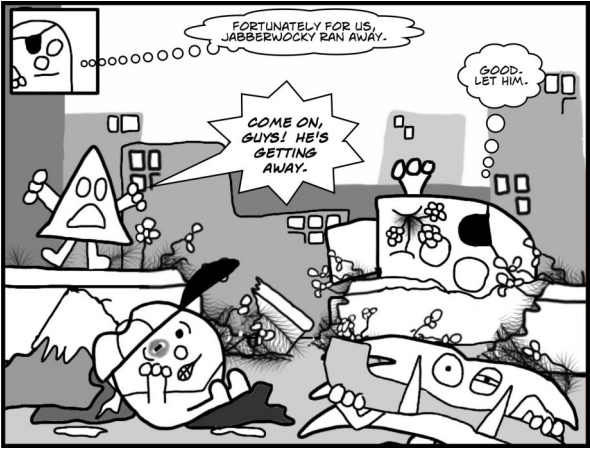
Mayor Donny Don seems like a gregarious fellow. He keeps a huge portrait of himself above his desk. He introduces himself to Josephat. What happens next is strange and unsettling.

All exit the mayor's office; Eg and Josephat sporting fancy new medals. The steely gaze escaped no one's attention and Josephat makes a disconcerting pronouncement.



# Chapter 20

The scene is the historic South House just outside Metropolis. It is the oldest building in the city. The house also serves as the southern entrance to the city. No one knows who built it or just how old it is.



Mog tells us what happened during the confrontation with the powerful Jabberwocky. Super Yok showed up, everyone takes some licks and Jabberwocky runs away. Which everyone except Cobweb seems happy about.

Mog is more interested in telling us about his new garden. No sooner does he break ground on the project when he is swallowed up by a huge cave and makes an intriguing discovery!

## Chapter 21

Cobweb and Mustardseed introduce themselves to 42. However, 42 informs them that they have met before. So that's how 42's antenna was broken.

This is the very first meeting of the Monster Squad (also known as M-Squad), formed by the mayor of Metropolis. Their first task is to hunt down the Jabberwocky!

42 has joined the M-Squad at Josephat's request. However, Cobweb is concerned to hear that 42 will not fight. This does not bother Mog in the slightest. He seems to respect and admire the like-minded fellow pacifist. Mog is a pacifist, but he would also never let his friends face danger alone.

42 is oddly troubled by Mog's arrival. Have they met before as well?

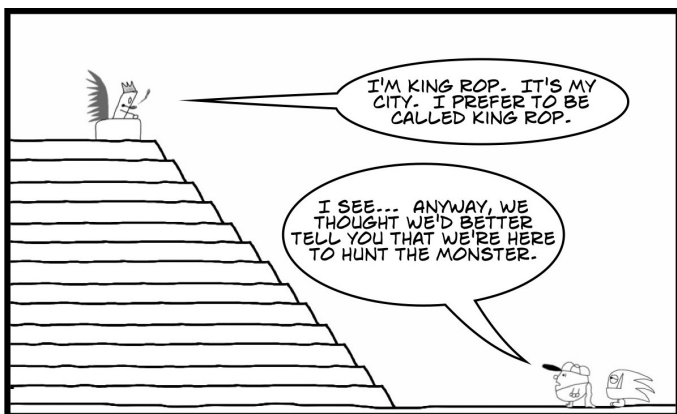
And who's that in the window of the building? He seems familiar...





## Chapter 22

The M-Squad has tracked Jabberwocky to the giant garbage dump city of Garbagopolis. This city is governed by Rop Pol who has a peculiar idiosyncrasy.



Super Yok and Mustardseed present themselves to the King and inform him of the monster lurking somewhere in the city. After a minor discussion on diplomacy and protocol, King Rop allows the M-Squad to continue their task.

Mustardseed, as usual, says nothing. Sometimes I wonder if that guy is there just for scenery.

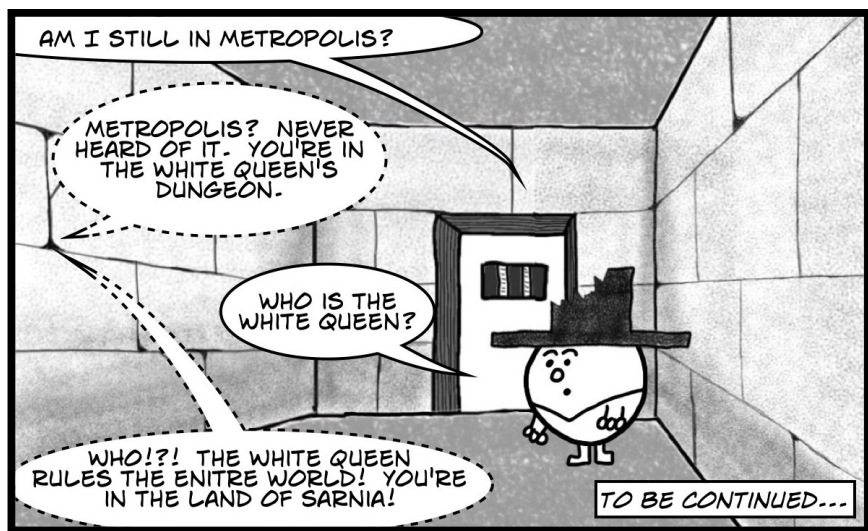
Meanwhile, outside Mog, Cobweb and 42 are playing in the trash. Well, Cobweb isn't. He's a bit of a worrier. On closer examination of the debris 42 makes an alarming discovery.



## Chapter 23

We return to Metropolis in the midst of a search for Eg. He's gone missing! Just when his friends need him too! Darn! Where could he be?

Ge, Tepper and Josephat meet with Rig, the mayor of Arboropolis. Josephat shares his misgivings about Mayor Donny Don. Intrigue is afoot!



Oh, so that's what happened to Eg! He's just in a strange land, being held prisoner by an evil queen.



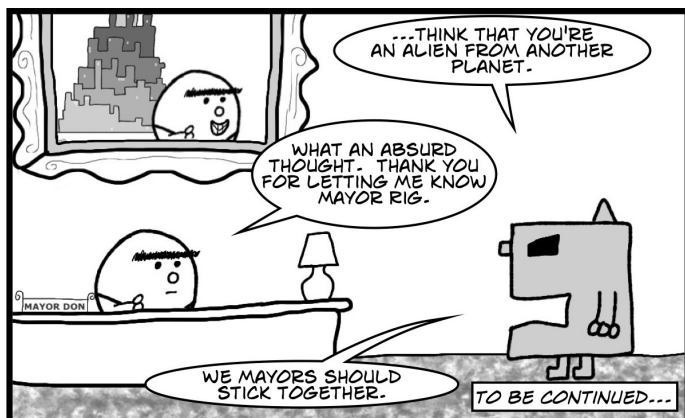
## Chapter 24

The final confrontation with Jabberwocky has begun. And it isn't going to well for the M-Squad. Cobweb flies like an arrow and almost lands on some strange creature hiding in the garbage.

Jabberwocky makes good his escape once more. Mustardseed speculates on the encounter. Are they chasing Jabberwocky? Or are they being led by Jabberwocky?



Hey! What does Rig think he is doing? Has Rig become a turncoat?



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## Conclusion

So the food shortage problem is solved, but we still don't know who sabotaged Dr. Zeus. We also have the added mystery of Josephat's mothership. It's supposed to be floating in space. How did it end up in a trash heap in Garbagopolis? And 42 is seeing ghosts. What's up with that? And I'm sure Eg is in for quite an adventure in the strange land of Sarnia.

Intrigue abounds! I hope you are enjoying the story. Please return to see how it all turns out.

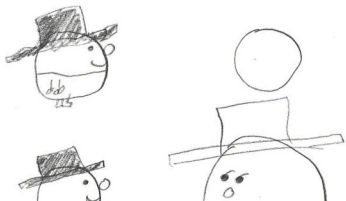
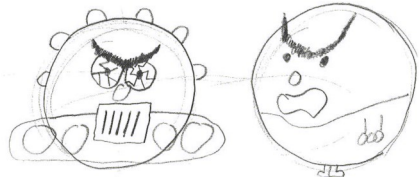
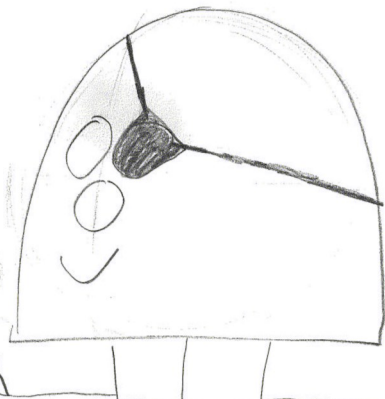
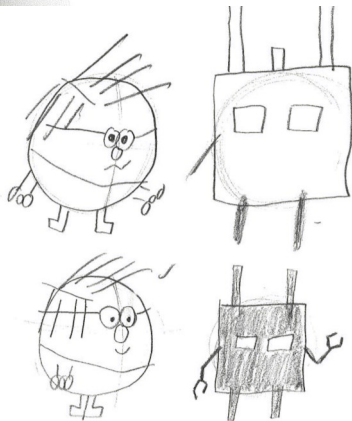
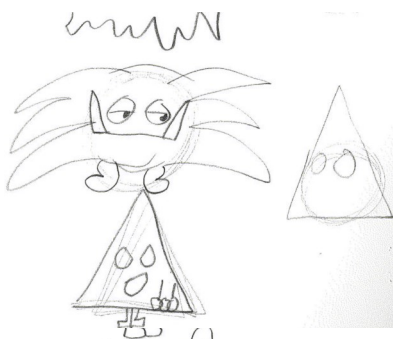
And now for the special feature. Right after the page scans from my practice book is a comic strip created by my niece, Sydney. I think it's totally awesome!

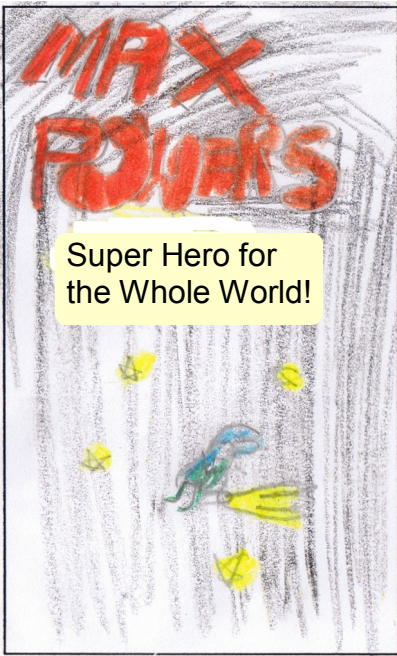
The comic is based on a song that I used to sing to my son when he was an infant. It's called "Max Power: Super Hero for the Whole World". I've preserved as much of Sydney's original text as possible. Some text I've replaced so it is more readable. Other than that, it is completely untouched. You're getting 100% pure nine year old girl imagination.

I think it is an excellent story. I'm very proud of Sydney. She has a lot of her father's sense of humour and it shows in the comic strip. Enjoy. Oh, it's in colour too!

PS: If you want the lyrics to the song "Max Power: Super Hero for the Whole World", you can find it on the blog (the address is listed on the inside front cover).

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This is Max.



This is Max Powers!  
Max is Max Powers in  
disguise.

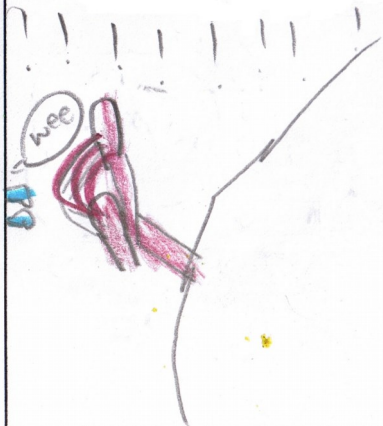


Max was born with super  
powers, such as...

Super cry which makes  
bad guys turn into stone.  
Diaper bombs which  
makes them blow up  
and...



**Super incredible  
hair pull which  
makes him fly  
forever!**



Today it is a nice day and Max is in his stroller. But then Rotten Mushy Avacado is making babies eat rotten, mushy avocado instead of yummy, fresh avocado. So Max turns into Max powers to save the day!



Mushy Avacado  
is smaller now.



Good job Max!  
Or should I say  
**Max Powers!**



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